

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 23-36 of co-pending Application No. 09/703,457. The Applicant in the present Application No. 09/929,247 is the same Applicant in Application No. 09/703,457. An Office Action was sent in Application No. 09/703,457 on July 17, 2003. The Applicant did not respond to the pending Office Action due October 17, 2003 for Application No. 09/703,457. Thus, Application No. 09/703,457 has been abandoned. As a result, the double patenting rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1-45 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, and that the Application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,



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